

an Attorney General, to enter upon the duties of his office after your session shall have ended.

State Solicitors are also to be elected for the 1st, 6th, and 7th judicial circuits.

I herewith transmit to you a letter and enclosures therein addressed to me by the Hon. John H. Wheeler, minister to the republic of Nicaragua, in relation to the forcible seizure, on or about the 18th July, 1855, of certain slaves of his by persons in Philadelphia, while he was passing through it, on his way to New York city, from which place it was his purpose to embark for Nicaragua. These slaves were the domestic servants of Mr. Wheeler and family, and it was his intention to take them abroad with him as such. Their seizure and removal violently and against the will of the owner, and under the circumstances stated, was a high handed outrage, and is believed not to have been warranted, even in a *civil* point of view, by the laws of Pennsylvania. I have received a subsequent letter from Mr. Wheeler, in which he states that he has caused an action for damages to be instituted against one of the parties to the act complained of, and he expresses the hope that this State will aid in the prosecution of it, as has been done by other States under similar circumstances.

It is important that the question should be determined by the highest judicial authority in the country. I recommend the matter to your favorable consideration.

By virtue of a resolution passed at the last session, the Hon. David L. Swain was appointed by me, as agent, to procure documentary evidence of the history of the State. The matter is mentioned now merely to say that a more particular and definite communication on the subject will be submitted in the course of the session.

The Governor was also authorized to procure a copy of "Tryon's North Carolina papers" from Harvard College. Gov. Swain was kind enough to undertake this duty also, and procured a copy of Tryon's letter book, while Governor of the province of North Carolina, which is now in his posses-